

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

U.S. Appln. No.: 09/739,620

AB *Sub* *2.1* *Cont* the first cover layer being made of refractory metal nitride.

AB 11. (Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the wiring line buried in the dielectric fills a trench having inner side faces tilted at an angle of 70° to 80° with respect to an imaginary plane of a bottom of the trench.

Please add the following new claims:

AB 25. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the first cover layer entirely covers the outer surface of the conductor.
